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July Filled With 4-H Events, Contests and Fun

If you just experienced a busy month, it must be because you are a 4-H leader, member or parent. The month was packed with camps, contests and county fair. Now, the decisions that face you are whether to participate at the Oregon State Fair, add new projects in 2004 or continue to grow with your club and leader at the county level.

State Fair Intent Forms Due At Extension Office July 31

4-H members with exhibits eligible for state fair need to complete and submit their intent forms to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on July 31. Information is needed about the classes to be entered, and what arrangements you have made for transportation of exhibits if you are showing animals. Copies of the intent form can be picked up at the Extension office, and a 4-H State Fair book is needed to complete the information on the intent form.

August 1: Deadline For Special Awards

4-H members applying for starter project awards, top hand awards, or other recognition that requires an application need to submit those to the Extension office by August 1. Update your applications to include the results of the county fair, and whether or not you plan to participate at the State Fair.

Interviews for the awards will be conducted on August 5 and 6. Calls will be made to confirm the time to arrive at the interview. If you have pictures from the fair, they make a great addition during the interview.

Recognition Applications Needed For Distinguished Service

Is there a person or business that really needs to be recognized for their support of you, your club or the county 4-H program? If you know of someone that has helped this year, or for many years, take time to nominate them for the Distinguished Service Award or Friends of 4-H Award sponsored by the 4-H Leaders Association.

Submit applications by August 1, and then be prepared to invite your nominee to the awards program on Saturday, August 9 at the fairgrounds. This program will announce high point award winners and recipients of many special awards. Be sure to mark 2 p.m. on August 9 on your calendar.

4-H Ranch Horse Classes Set For August 2

Members entered in the 4-H Ranch Horse project will have an opportunity to show their skills and test their knowledge at the county contest on August 2. Events begin at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds, and will continue through the day.

Sending Static Exhibits To State Fair

Educational displays and exhibits in home economics, expressive art, horticulture, engineering, conservation and natural science need to be delivered to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13. All informational cards for the exhibit must be attached and ready for delivery.

Food exhibits that are going to the State Fair need to arrive at our office in Myrtle Point by 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 18.

Scheduling Contests At State Fair

If you plan to do a presentation or be part of a judging team at the state level, I need to receive your intent form by July 31. Your preference for a date and time will be submitted and scheduled by the state fair staff. Contest times will be confirmed with a phone call.



Agent Notes

I mentioned on Tuesday morning that this has truly been a summer of memories. Now that you are home from the fair and some of the dust has settled, I hope most of the memories have been pleasant ones. As news comes in each day, it is amazing how well people continue to make the best of difficult and unpleasant events.

The 4-H program was impacted by many things this year, and clubs made adjustments and used time and patience to work through the loss of two members as fair approached. In addition, several long time supporters of 4-H and 4-H families passed away before and during the fair. As with all that the 4-H program does, support came from the community to support individuals and families directly affected by these events.

Thanks to many of you for keeping things moving smoothly. My time has been very split between 4-H and the needs of moving, finalizing contracts for the lease and hiring agents to fill vacant positions. July 1 brought another change to my position description, with 60% of my time now identified as a 4-H agent and the remainder dedicated to administration. If I don't seem to be jumping through as many hoops as I once did, it could be the hours left to jump or the older legs doing the jumping.

Our office should have a Family and Community Development agent arriving this fall. During the week before county fair, our staff and advisory committee representatives met with an agent from eastern Oregon who is interested in transferring to work in Coos and Curry Counties. If all goes as planned, I will be able to announce a name very soon and have a resource person for leaders working in the foods and nutrition project to contact.

I have also received word that funding has been approved for a Forestry Youth Educator to be employed by Extension. This position is the result of a federal grant I submitted, and it will allow an agent to be hired to provide school enrichment, after school and special project activities relating to Forestry and Natural Resources. This may be the person we need to create an interest in a variety of 4-H projects that have no leaders or members.

Amy Herron plans to return from maternity leave the first of August. This will provide the fall promotion for 4-H that has been done in the past, and may allow for additional recruitment of leaders and members this year. If all of these things happen soon, we will be well on the way to having a fully staffed office before the end of 2003.

Thanks again to all of you who worked hard to complete your projects, get your entries in on time, show up with exhibits and impress the judges with your 4-H knowledge. You all are to be complimented on the way you present yourself and the county 4-H program. Special thanks to those who kept the barns clean, stepped out for snacks, and reminded the public that hand washing is an act of common sense and safety. Sincerely,

JoAnn Mast, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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